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NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

A meeting of the Society was held November 11, 1878, the President (Mr. Wallace) in the Chair.

Mr. Peter McCall, on behalf of seventy-one contributors, presented to the Society a handsome full-length portrait of Benjamin West, the artist, copied by Marchant from Leslie's copy (in the Boston Athenæum) of the original by Sir Thomas Lawrence.

The President accepted the gift on behalf of the Society, expressing its thanks for the liberality with which the portrait was presented.

The President then introduced the Reverend George Morgan Hills, D. D., Rector of St. Mary's, Burlington, N. J., who read an able and interesting sketch of the Reverend John Talbot, the First Bishop (A. D. 1722) of British America.

Mr. Joseph M. Wilson, of Washington, D. C., presented to the Society the quill pen (made from the wing of an American eagle, shot on Mount Hood, Oregon, by a member of one of the U. S. Surveying Expeditions, and obtained for the purpose from the Smithsonian Institute), with which the President of the U. S. signed in approval the Act of Congress of the 16th of February, 1876, in relation to the Centennial Celebration of our National Independence, accompanying the same with letters proving its authenticity.

Mr. Richard S. Smith, in the absence of Mr. Lars Westergaard, presented on behalf of Mr. David Fransiz, a water-color picture of the Old Draw Bridge, and Blue Anchor Tavern, as they appeared in 1750. The picture, which once belonged to Mr. John F. Watson, was framed with yellow pine, of the beam of the Blue Anchor Tavern, and with oak from the Chestnut St. bridge, over Dock Creek.

On motion of Mr. Richard S. Smith it was

Resolved. That the thanks of the Society are hereby given to the Rev. George Morgan Hills, D. D., for his instructive and interesting discourse on the Rev. John Talbot, and that a copy be requested for deposit among the Archives of the Society.

Adjourned.